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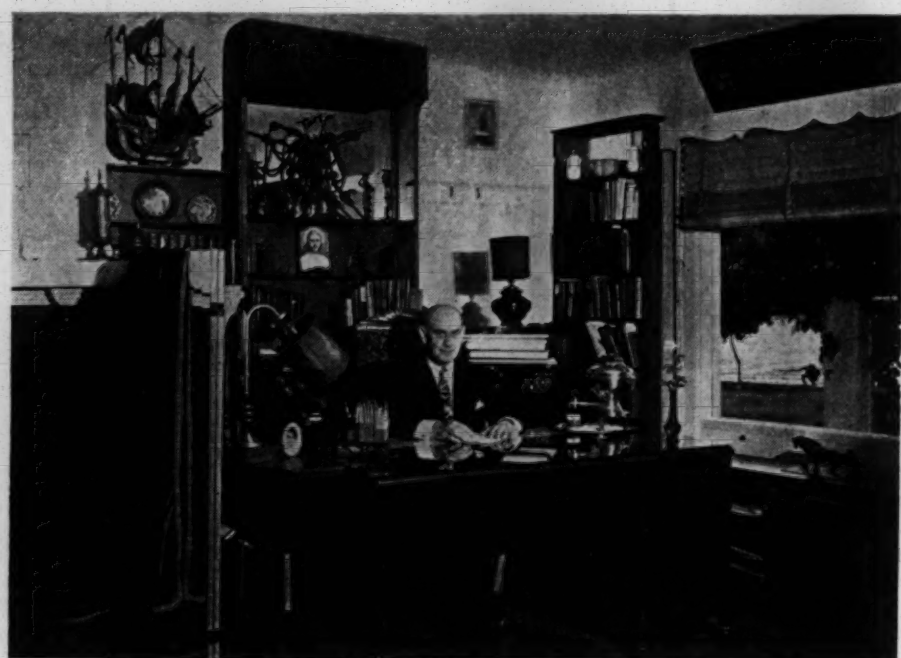
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In the picture above, taken at Winter Park, Florida, BROWN LANDONE is seated at his desk where many of his experiences in "Spiritual Responsiveness" have taken place. Landone's experience, described in November 10th PSYCHIC OBSERVER, took place in this study. Note the view of the lake beyond the open window to the right. A spiritual atmosphere enshrouds the premises . . . a unique setting for another "Gord" experience related in article below.

Last year, during the Christmas holidays, the editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER had a long chat with Mr. Landone in this study.

Gordon at the Movie and In My Study

YOU are made in the likeness of God's Spirit; in that spirit, YOU are Spiritual; in that spirit, all things are possible for YOU.

More About . . . Spirit Responsiveness

By BROWN LANDONE
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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

I shall not often write of Gord, but you deserve one more article—this one, in which I tell you of his second visit to me, Monday night August 21st, 1944, twenty-four days after he passed on. There is so little space in which to tell so much, that I shall write almost telegraphically—perhaps often skipping words and shortening sentences.

After dinner that Monday night, young Martin and I went to the movies; I waited outside while he parked the car. When we entered, I saw Gord standing in the lobby smiling a greeting to me, just as he had done so many times when he had worked there. He walked at my side down the aisle. The usher took Martin and me to three seats; and Gord stepped in ahead so I would be seated between him and Martin.

None Could See!

To others, that third seat seemed empty, and although the theater was crowded and people were waiting in the aisles, yet during the two hours we sat there, the usher never showed any other person to that seat, and no person attempted to take that empty seat!

While Martin was with us, no word was spoken between Gord and myself, but we did not need to speak; I knew what he was thinking; and he knew what I was thinking. When we left the theater, Martin went for the car; and on our way home in the Clipper, Gord sat in the front seat between Mar-

tin and me; although of course, Martin did not know he was there.

In my study, as we sat at my desk, Gord noted manuscripts on which I had been working; and we talked of new books I was writing, and also of my letters to boys in service.

Not A "Ghost"

This lasted some time; and then Gord leaned back in his chair, stretched his arms above his head, shoved his long legs out in front of him, and smiling, said, "Oh, it's mighty good to be with you, for you NEVER DIG into me with questions. It's so NORMAL being here with you. Many people would think me a ghost, instead of just me. Isn't it the bunk, BL—the stuff that's written about us who've passed on? Why we come and we go just as we do in normal life; we're always the same. The soul is the same today as yesterday, except that it is always expanding in greater vision and activity."

"You remember, BL, when I used to come here before I entered service; one night in theater uniform; another night in fishing togs; another in tuxedo after taking Jeannie home from a dance! But no matter what clothes I wore, appearances were only appearances; I was always I. So also now, it shouldn't make any difference to people, how I appear! I wish you'd tell people that we DON'T have to put on bodies, to come back. I just come as I am, and you know me as I am."

Proof For Whom?

"Yes Gord, but there're lots of people who'd want proof that you are you."

At that Gord sat up very straight, and a little aggressively, he said, "I don't give a toot in

heaven or a hoot in hell, about proving I am I, and that I'm alive. And anyway, what good would it do if I did try to prove it; they can't see unless they can see; they can't hear unless they can hear; they can't recognize me unless they can recognize me!

"I don't know much about such things, but it's silly—oh well, don't you think, BL, most people prevent their own happiness by actually doubting their own lives! They don't know how to prove the things that are true? You can't prove love except by feeling love; or heat except by heat; or life or spirit except by life or spirit."

How Gord "Died"

"Yet Gord," I said, "but most people are sincere; and they are interested in the 'continuing life'. I know hundreds, who—if they knew you were coming to see me—would feel like breaking down the door, just to get in to ask you about your first experiences when you passed on."

"Well," said Gord, "I'm willing to talk about that, BL, because it is illuminating; it's still interesting even to me."

"We were fighting forward that night, little details of a few men each, closing in on a village. It was very dark! The Germans in the village and outside were taking shots at us when they saw us. There were snipers; also machine guns."

All So Natural

"Three of us were very close together, two buddies and myself; so close we could keep in touch in the dark by mere touch of elbows. SUDDENLY I felt as though one of my buddies had given me a punch in the chest; and at the same moment, everything was flooded with brilliant light! At first I thought the Germans had some new means of flooding us with light; but soon I saw that everything was lighted—around us, above us, behind us—like brilliant sunshine without any sun."

"I saw a hole right in front of my buddy to the left, and whispered to him to be careful; he felt forward with his right foot, and said, 'Yes, but how'd you see in the dark?'"

"But it's NOT dark," I said, "there's light everywhere!" Then he looked at me and with a sort of a sob, said, 'Oh God, buddy! They've got you!'"

Unaware He Was Dead

"Then we went on just as before; my buddies in darkness; I in brilliant light. I did not even know I had passed on. I fought on with them for half an hour! Then I began thinking of mother and Johnny and you, and wished I was home!"

"And I WAS home—in an instant! One second, I was there in France creeping up on that village; the next I was home; all in what seemed like a second! I went to mother's room; she was still awake; but she did not seem to see me, nor hear me when I spoke. So then I went to Johnny's room; he was asleep, so I went to my room, where everything was just

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Across the Line or Why Our Loved Ones Return

Famous Novelist Proves Identity

By ANICE TERHUNE
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My husband, Albert Payson Terhune, passed away on February 18th, 1942. Our tie was very close, always; and we had over

forty glorious happy years together. Before Bert passed on, he assured me that he would come back. He has kept his word—most thrillingly.

Within a few days of his passing, I began to be very sure of his presence near me. The happy warm feeling of comradeship was back again, though unexplainable for I saw or heard nothing. Not long after this, the American Kennel Club asked me to send them the names and pedigrees of all the dogs my husband owned at the time of his passing. This I must do, or lose our kennel license.

Thoroughly Disheartened

At about the same time a man whose pups had been sired by our Collie, Buff, asked me to make out their pedigrees for him—which, by law, I was obliged to do so that he could register his dogs.

I knew nothing about such things, but I had to do my best. I hunted high and low for pedigrees and pedigree blanks. I ransacked my husband's large study, as well as the smaller one. But not a pedigree or blank was to be found anywhere.

At last, thoroughly disheartened, because I had looked everywhere and found nothing, I sat down in my husband's desk chair and gave myself up to despair.

. . . Then I Found Them!

At once, I heard his familiar voice clearly: "Look behind you, little girl," he said. "They're all there, everyone! Look right behind you! Turn around!"

I whirled around, my arm shot out, and landed on the knob of a little drawer I had already examined and had found to contain only two or three packets of letters. Without volition I seized one of these bundles of letters. Feverishly I pulled away the rubber bands holding it, and began peeling off the envelopes as they came.

In the very middle of the packet, entirely hidden, lay all the pedigrees! You can imagine my joy. Not because of the pedigrees, but because no one in the world except my husband had known where they were; and he had certainly come back to show

me their hiding place. Therefore, he could not be "dead" in the old sense! He must be truly alive, somewhere, and that somewhere must be near enough for him to know of my predicament and come to my rescue. He did more: he told me how to make out the pedigrees; which I did under his direction.

My Life Transformed

The next manifestation came to me during a church service; at a particular moment when my grief so overwhelmed me that I felt I could no longer bear it. Suddenly, my head was jerked up and backward, and there, not twelve feet above me, was my husband, gazing into my eyes so earnestly that through his compelling look he was able to convey his message to me.

"You must know that I am not out there under six feet of earth, Annie! I'm right here with you! You must understand!" And I did understand, at last, for he did not leave me until he had made me understand. From that time on my whole life was transformed.

About two months later, a stranger whom I will call Mrs. S. was sent to me through a mutual friend. She told me that though she was not a professional medium, and did not accept fees, she had sometimes been fortunate in getting automatic writing from those on the Other Side. I asked her to try contacting my husband.

All Play Their Part

The results thrilled us both, for she was able at different times to get for me five wonderful letters from my husband. Still more surprising was the fact that, before the fifth letter came, I received a letter from the Other Side without her aid, and through my own hand. And it was not from my husband, but from his father, Rev. Dr. Edward Payson Terhune, who died in 1908.

From then on I was able to take my husband's dictation through my own hand. He told me that Mrs. S. had been sent to me to open the way for us. Her part was done. I have never seen her since.

How We Communicated

For eight months, Bert and I had an inspiring communion through my own fingers, and without outside help. During that time he revealed to me unbelievably beautiful truths. Through it all he remained the same radiant magnetic personality that he had been on earth; and I found that his delightful sense of humor was as keen as ever.

Before long he told me that I must write a book from the material he would continue to send me. "If you love me," he urged,

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Bledsoe Speaks!

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WHERE WE STAND

By WILLIAM H. BURR
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A notable victory for religious freedom and for the cause of Spiritualism in the case of *The People vs. Rev. Marion Miller* was recently reported by *The Psychic Observer*.

This report may be useful to all who are interested enough to review the facts and the law relating to the issues in not only this case, but all other cases arising under Section 899 of the criminal code of the state of New York.

This is the law against fortune-telling that has, for many years, been used as an instrument of persecution by sensation hunting detectives, sectarian opponents of Spiritualism and others of unworthy design.

I Know The Truth

This law had its origin in England during the reign of Henry the Eighth at the time when the witch craze was sweeping Europe. Its counterpart appeared in this country in the Salem witchcraft cases beginning about 1665.

The English law was made a part of colonial law of New York and later it was made a part of the penal law of this state where it has remained unto this day.

I have for many years been interested in psychic investigation. Through such investigation I know the truth of communication with the departed.

I know of the tremendous possibilities for good inherent in such truth if and when it can get out in the clear and go on its way as other great truths are encouraged to go.

Religious Liberty?

I have had legal experience as an attorney in defending mediums accused of violating this law. I have argued their cases before judges in trial courts and in the Appellate Courts in an effort to get some judge to write an opinion worthy of the importance of the issues involved. I write this article with knowledge of both sides.

Several attempts have been made to repeal this relic of the old witchcraft days. Once we succeeded in getting a bill exempting mediums from its provisions passed by the Senate and the Assembly of New York but this bill was vetoed by a biased Governor. There are influences opposed to Spiritualism that come to light whenever legislative action is sought in the interest of religious liberty for all spiritualist mediums.

"The Ashley Case"

The most notable case in the annals of New York court reports is known as the *Ashley Case*. This case arose in New York City in 1917 and was referred to in the above mentioned Miller case. The *Ashley Case* is reported in 184 N. Y., A. D. 520.

This case is always cited as authority for the arrest and conviction of mediums for foretelling events. The judge, who wrote the opinion, in substance said:

"Any claim of ability to foretell by psychic power is in and of itself, false and fraudulent."

The substance of this decision is that no one has psychic power to foretell events and that all who claim such powers are cheats, and frauds and subject to the punishment provided by the law.

Among the spiritual gifts enumerated by the Apostle Paul is the gift of prophecy. Every one informed and experienced in psychic investigation knows that the power of foretelling events also exists today. We know it can be done because we have had many proofs that it has been done.

Court Does NOT Know

We know therefore, that when a judge says it can not be done and that all who claim that power are cheats and frauds, that judge is ignorant of the truth.

Furthermore, this judge writes into his decisions ignorance and lies, and makes his own mistakes the law for other judges to follow.

In such decisions, the Court assumes to know that which it does not know. It ignores the teachings of Paul and casts at naught the findings of science and the experienced opinions of countless thousands.

If we analyze the opinion of the court in the Ashley case we find that the judges found that the legislature found that foretelling events is impossible and approves of that error.

England's Ignorance

They thus decide a case and make laws which all informed investigators know is not of truth.

If we follow this law back to its origin we find it a remnant of ignorance that existed in England three hundred years ago. It is a relic of witchcraft days which has no place under our constitution.

If citizens are to have religious liberty they should at least be permitted to believe and practice the teachings of the New Testament without being brought into court and punished as cheats and frauds because they teach and practice that which great and holy men have believed and taught before them.

Paul Arraigned

It would seem that the disgraceful slaughter committed in Salem under direction of the courts of that time, should cause the present-day judges to think;

We recall that when Paul of Tarsus was arraigned before the Roman court at the complaint of the elders and High Priests of the Hebrew church, he was accused of

being "A pestilence; a ring leader of the sect of Nazarenes"; "a teacher and believer in the resurrection of the dead." (The Nazarene sect is now known as Christian). His life was demanded.

His statement to court upon that occasion, is one of the most remarkable statements in history.

We recall that Paul boldly stated to the court that he had been a persecutor of the Christians until, while on the road to Damascus, he heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him from the invisible saying: "Paul, why persecutest thou me?"

"Learning Hath Made . . ."

Then Paul boldly related how, from this spirit message, his life and efforts had been entirely changed and how, from then on he had been a friend of Jesus and been striving to carry on his unfinished work by teaching and preaching the spiritual precepts for which Jesus had been killed.

We recall too that after Paul had finished his statement to the court the judge said to him: "Paul thou art beside thyself. Much learning hath made thee mad." Judges have been saying the same ever since!

We have but to review history of the past to see how intolerance, ignorance, vengeance and reactionary influences have followed on the trail of Christianity and Spiritualism alike. Jesus was "put to death" by authority of the court, Paul and every one of the twelve apostles who followed Jesus were persecuted and eventually slain by the mob.

Science — An Enemy

Joan of Arc was burned to death in the market place by authority of the Court at the instigation of a disgraceful sectarian mob.

So if we follow along the history of many progressive reforms we find the hand of the oppressor lurking in the background reinforced by ignorance and intolerance.

With respect to the law against foretelling we find that its origin was grounded in the ignorance of three hundred years ago in a time when the king and his followers believed in witchcraft, signs, miracles and other nonsense of like mental delinquency.

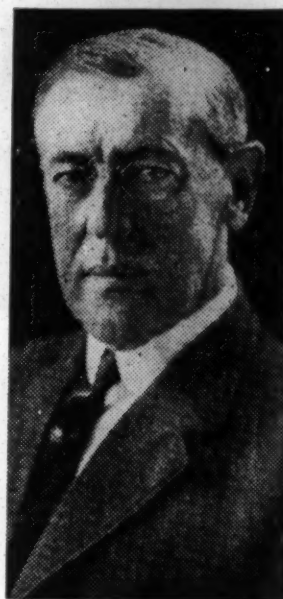
At that time many scientific discoveries, now known, were entirely unknown. A scientist was considered an enemy of the church if his discoveries conflicted with the teachings of the church.

Judges Don't Know

At that time, furthermore, the telephone, telegraph, steam engine, radio and a thousand discoveries and inventions had never been dreamed of. Today these new discoveries are a part of our daily life.

We have found that each new discovery is but a revelation of divine force and infinite law of which the mind of man has become the master because he knows more

HIS RAY OF HOPE



Psychic Observer

WOODROW WILSON, "World War I" President of The United States of America, in the course of a Memorial Day address at Paris, France in 1919:

"We all believe, I hope, that spirits of these men are not buried with their bones. THEIR SPIRITS LIVE! I hope — I BELIEVE — that their Spirits are present with us at this hour. I hope I feel the compulsion of their presence, and I hope that I realize the significance of their presence."

Wilson, like Lincoln (*), knew there was some sort of life after death and on many occasions both presidents did not hesitate to express their views.

(*) Read the book, "Abraham Lincoln Was A Spiritualist" by Nettie Colburn Maynard (\$3.50), Dale News, Inc.

than did the men of three hundred years ago.

Notwithstanding all advancement in science, this antiquated remnant of ignorance still remains as it was three hundred years ago. Efforts to change it have largely failed. Efforts to get a truthful interpretation of this law from courts have been largely unsuccessful because many judges are no farther advanced than were the law makers of three hundred years ago.

These "modern" judges know nothing about psychic science or its discoveries. They are guided by the wisdom of the cave men rather than by the findings of great scientists like Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir William James and many others of world wide reputation and fame.

Also the Worthy

So long as the law against foretelling remains on the books it is a problem with which Spiritualists and Spiritualism will have to reckon. Worthy mediums will be hauled into court and judges will find them guilty without regard to the high purpose and honest intention of their efforts.

We in America have respect for our courts. We instinctively surround our judges with a halo of confidence and honor because law is supposed to represent and safeguard our liberties and the judge is supposed to represent the law.

The judge has power to punish us for contempt of his court and send us to jail even though he may scarcely know enough to make out the commitment papers. He is king on his judicial throne but citizens are but surfs in his dock. He is presumed to be always right.

Joan of Arc — GUILTY!

Judges may decide the world is flat and render decision upon such findings. The citizen may be in danger of contempt of court if he argues with the judge or questions the wisdom of an ignorant fool on the bench.

We have profound respect for some judges because they are qualified to represent and administer the law. Other judges may be unworthy but nevertheless they have been elevated to judicial honors by voters who don't know any better.

A judge found Jesus of Nazareth guilty and turned him over to his enemies to be killed. Judges found Joan of Arc guilty of heresy and turned her over to be burned to death in the market place by an

ignorant, hateful mob.

Judges found scores of innocent men and women guilty of witchcraft during the Salem frenzy and turned them over to be hung on Gallows Hill. Thousands of innocent men and women were convicted of witchcraft and sentenced to be killed by the judges of European countries even as Jesus of Nazareth was condemned and crucified on a cross.

Religious Liberties?

All down the years of struggle for religious and political freedom there has always been the ignorant, non-progressive reactionary forces resisting all spiritual advancement. There is no way of escaping reactionary influences from the Bench.

If the court assumes that the legislature assumed and they both assume that which is not true, what hope has truth to find its way to justice and understanding as long as such a law remains?

We should all have respect for many great judges for they have been the bulwark of American Liberty. But no one should have respect for any judge who takes his ignorance, his politics, his religious prejudice or his mental inertia on the bench with him and paints, warps or distorts his decisions in defiance of the truth.

This is a danger that always confronts mediums accused of foretelling. This is a menace to religious liberty which some day will be destroyed by legislative enactment.

A Worthy Judge

Until then all mediums who foretell events should see to it that their foretelling if of the character that adds to the dignity of spiritual endowments rather than to answering many questions which should only be answered in a business office or a detective agency.

No credentials conferred can suffice nor can any name over the door make a religion of any thing. Courts can not be expected to find religious sincerity in palpable pretenses and insincerity. Those who seriously expect to avail themselves of religious immunity must live within the limits of their professions and faith.

Fortune telling is not the goal of Spiritualism nor should it be considered by any one. Prophecy is a high spiritual gift of God.

In conclusion may I say that the opinion of Judge Ciacciano in the Miller case before referred to, is an opinion as far as it goes that marks him as a judge well worthy of the name. His judicial analysis of facts and discerning applications of existing law together with his fair and impartial application of both law and fact renders this decision a notable victory for religious freedom and a notable achievement by the judge who wrote the opinion..

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Notice, in the above caption, I do not say "why I am a Spiritualist" for therein lies the core of this article.

While, in a broad sense, it is true that I am a Christian Spiritualist, and my ilk is numbered in the hundreds of thousands, I do not choose to join a Spiritualist church, preferring membership in the orthodox sect in which I was raised, Methodist.

But, at this period of my life, I enthusiastically attend Sunday services of the organized few who gather under the banner of Spiritualism.

I believe in the Christian teachings, set forth in the Bible, and for over a dozen years have, on rare occasions, lightly touched the fringe of the Spiritualist movement, starting in San Francisco at one or two meetings among which was one held by Rev Florence Becker.

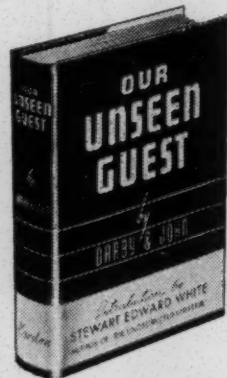
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Her mediumship convinced the author of this article that there was actually such a thing as personal conscious survival.

left me. I realized then, the actual significance of the eternal truth of spirit manifestation in the scriptures and the meaning of life hereafter. I also began to understand the contact work of mediums and why they are so positive in their beliefs.

Has Vivid Experience

The occurrence that placed me in the "I KNOW" class of Spiritualism came to me while I was a seaman aboard a vessel down on the Caribbean Sea over a thousand miles from my home.

When I left my home port, New York City, my mother was perfectly well; I had no reason to think otherwise.

One afternoon, I had just awakened from a few hours sleep when my mother appeared to me, about six feet away, in the form of a bright glow, a vision of light best describes it.

It hovered there for seconds and I knew immediately it was my mother's spirit and she gave me this message: "The things that really matter in life on earth are the spiritual things" and to better impress the thought, she waved to the side of my bunk where there was some religious literature she had given me.

Logical Conclusions

She kissed me twice and vanished. I arose, and knew then that something unusual had happened. Upon arrival home, I learned that my mother had passed away three days before the occurrence.

Now, to me, that was proof positive of the existence of life after death, so called, and of a definite message from one who had passed over. The only logical conclusion I could draw from the remarkable event was that her spirit had been made manifest to me and the message she so much wanted to impart was delivered.

Attending Meetings Follows

So the fact of survival was forcibly impressed on my mind. To drift more and more into Sunday Spiritualist meetings was the

Brown Landone

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as I'd left it—pictures of mother and Jeannie, turned so I'd see them from my bed.

Love Motivates

"For a few moments I felt pretty lonely; but soon a lot of buddies showed up. They told me I'd get used to people not seeing or hearing me; and one of them said, 'There's no loneliness anyway; you can go when and where you please — be with anyone — and there's no limit to the love you can give others, nor to the love of others which you can feel. You know that when we lived their kind of life, we seldom told each other how much we cared for one another; but now in our life, hundreds every hour will tell you how much they loved you!'"

"About 4 o'clock that morning, we all went out and over to Charlie's home; sat on porch steps until sun came up. Then we saw a Western Union boy coming down the street; and all of us knew it was a telegram for Charlie's mother from the War Department, notifying her that Charlie had passed on. We rushed into the house, and stood around her; and as Charlie's mother opened the telegram, I bent down and kissed her. The moment I kissed her, there came a smile with her tears! She looked across the table to Charlie's father, and said, 'It is awful for us; but Charlie is happy, I can feel it!'"

"Do you do a lot of such things now," I asked Gord.

How They Serve

"Yes, just before I met you at the theater, I went up to see a buddy in a hospital in New York; I had felt he needed me. And I know he knew I was there, even though we couldn't talk as you and I are talking. Anyway he reached out his hand and I took it, and prayed with him, and then, I actually FELT his pain cease; and he smiled and dropped off to sleep.

"Such spiritual power is SPIRAL, isn't it?"

That surprised me, for I did not know he knew that. We talked of it for a time, and he said, "Yes, when I first began studying radar, I remembered that you had once told me that an electric current moves in spirals — and not in waves as scientists think. And didn't you tell me that—shortly

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"Tell me, BL, why cannot all others see me? I try mighty hard to help mother see me and hear me, but she doesn't."

Spiral Energy

"It's not difficult to understand, Gord, as soon as you recognize that spirit is the spiral energy of the universe, the highest energy. But when you try to make others see you, you use thought! Thought vibrations move forward in straight lines; but spirit moves in spirals. Let me make this clear by an illustration: Light can pass through glass, because particles of glass are arranged in waves; hence the wave vibration of light can pass through among them. But light cannot pass through wood because the tiny particles of wood are arranged in straight lines, not in wave forms.

"So it is with thought and spirit. Thoughts are straight line vibrations; and hence, spiral vibrations — spiritual energies — can not pass through them. Straight line thought vibrations hinder spirit, just as wood hinders light. It's only when the soul lifts itself above mind, and becomes responsive to spirit, that true inspiration and true spiritual vision come. Haven't you ever felt that spiral force? Actually felt it, Gord?"

His face was alight, as he answered—"Yes, many times. I feel it when I move from place to place. I used to think of moving by a sort of wave movement of wings, like angels; but now I know I move as a spiral, speeding through space instantly."

"Mind is slow," I said, "it is always a block to spirit"; and Gord added, "That's why so much of the 'test' work done by the psychic investigators, fails. They try to prove spirit by mind; and mind blocks spirit. Spirit seldom manifests when we're thinking about it."

"Spirit is LIFE, Gord; it manifests only with deep desire and love!"

"Yes," said Gord, "I know!"

Natural Law Operates

There was a closed waterlily in a vase on my desk; and you know a waterlily opens in the daytime, and closes at night! I saw that Gord was looking at the lily; his face illumined with love, just loving that lily. And soon he said, "How beautiful that lily must be when it is open; what a shame it's spirit can not keep it open at night as well as by day."

I knew that Gord had forgotten I was there; he seemed to be in a trance of love, it was almost as though he were living the life of that lily; and slowly, petal by petal, that waterlily OPENED fully, in response to the SPIRIT of Gord's love for it! No it was not a miracle; no more of a miracle than the opening of a flower in the morning when the sunlight of dawn kisses it with life!

All Things Possible

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Gertrude Ogden Tubby

After the communications stopped I did not quite know how to proceed; so I wrote to Edgar Cayce for advice, only to find that he is not giving readings at present. His secretary suggested my writing to Miss Gertrude Ogden Tubby, an authority on psychical matters.

I did so, and she suggested a private sitting with Arthur Ford. By such mysterious threads are we guided. Through Arthur Ford, I receive a tremendously powerful message from Bert, giving me the exact details of every step right up to actual publication of the book.

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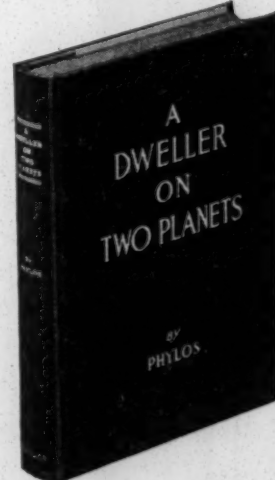
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Belief and Knowledge

A Tapestry woven from the golden
threads of others.

By PETER DEARLOVE

In the shadow of an agoniz-
ing bereavement, faith in survival,
even faith in the goodness of God,
may be bruised and shattered. Is
it weakness or is it an instinctive
demand for certitude? True,
thousands find faith enough; but
millions do not.

Is it then undesirable that faith,
at long last, should flower into
knowledge? That doubt should
melt into certainty — like St.
Thomas's?

Beliefs Can Be Disputed

There is a world of difference
between believing and knowing,
as there is between belief and fact.
A fact is something established by
evidence. In theory, at least, there
is a doubt about that which we
only believe.

Beliefs can be disputed and are
subject to change, as new facts
come to light. Many beliefs are
certainly wrong because they con-
tradict each other.

It is because we possess the

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faculty to enquire and to doubt
that we must question. We know
that if the doors of discovery are
to be opened, we must knock. And
who shall say that the knocking is
trivial?

Too often faith has been used
by the Church as a *stopping-block*
instead of a *stepping-stone*. One
wonders how long it will be used
to keep the conception of a spiri-
tual world up in the clouds as a
beautiful unreality — to cherish
imagery but to challenge estab-
lished facts of enquiry.

Evidence Strengthens Faith

Surely the man who really
possesses faith is he who is pre-
pared to venture in it. And a faith
in the survival of our loved ones
calls us to venture on their being
alive — bids us seek fellowship
with them and not to deny our be-
lief by acting as though they were
dead.

The true believer will be like
Columbus of old, who believed
there was another land across the
great ocean divide, and who ven-
tured his barque with as motley a
company as ever risked the un-
known.

And Columbus sailed outward
and beyond with his faith and
fears and doubts; but to his faith
he added virtue — the virtue of
venturing in it, and finally to vir-
tue knowledge—the knowledge of
a new land.

Evidence of an after-life such as
enquiry affords is not a substitute
for faith in God. It only strength-
ens that faith with a wider vision
of His goodness. Man lives on
when the flesh he wore has turned
to dust; therefore the flesh cannot
be the man.

Lives Are Altered

Only a full realization, by those
who mourn, of the truth that it
never was the calling of flesh to
flesh (as is clear when time turns
vandal), but the communion of
spirit with spirit that really mat-
tered, will bring the full and glori-
ous consolation to be found in the
knowledge that such communion
cannot be obliterated by the
shadow of death.

If people could be made to
realize that a future life is some-
thing which need not be believed
or disbelieved at will, but some-
thing the reality of which has been
scientifically proved; if they
would but examine the evidence
available, then assuredly might
our individual lives be renovated
in accordance with this knowledge,
and even our social relationships
adjusted more in conformity with
the Golden Rule.

As a Spiritualist once wrote:
"The fact that my brother, whom
we mourned as lost, had suddenly
broken through to us and estab-
lished contact, was to alter the
whole meaning and purpose of
our lives. We had become aware
of the truth and reality of the
Communion of Saints."

No Title-deeds to Truth

In our scientific age of enquiry
into truth, to which we owe so
many new discoveries that have
changed our lives, to forbid men
who are learned, given to reflec-
tion, to study this subject; to
teach them that they are not to
use the reason God has given them,
but to submit it to the theologians
of the Church, who appropriate to
themselves the right to judge and
to decide between the true and the
false—between God and the Devil
—is a strange way of thinking,
carrying us back, in this enlight-
ened era, to the dark ages.

Antiquity of itself supplies no
title-deeds to truth. The past has
no more authority than the pres-
ent. **WHATEVER IS PROVED
AND VERIFIED IS THEREBY
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By MRS. CICELY G. JONES
Hillburn, N. Y.

Several months ago, I had one
of the most amazing experiences
in spirit demonstration it has ever
been my good fortune to witness.

As a member of the develop-
ment class conducted by the Rev.
Edward Lester Thorne of the
United Spiritualists' Church, Co-
lumbus Ave. & 72nd St., New
York City, it has been my privilege
to attend direct-voice seances, when
several trumpets would be in the
air at one time; each one with in-
dividual spirit voices emerging to
talk to their various loved ones.
Apports appeared "from out of
nowhere."

Sunbeam Tells Us

I have seen materializations,
and, on one occasion, an unfin-
ished crochet article of mine, that
had been in a bag in the next
room, with the door locked be-
tween, was deposited in the lap of
a new class member!

We of the class are accustomed
to the trance work of Rev. Thorne
and to the various speaking voices
of those spirits who usually use
his vocal chords for direct-voice
communication. On this particu-
lar occasion, we were told by the
medium's spirit collaborator "Sun-
beam," that a great treat was in
store for us.

Dora Barnes Present

Hitherto, all of the trance work
had been done in the darkness and
we were unable to see the medium.

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Now, "Sunbeam" instructed Miss
Dora Barnes to turn on the blue
light, so that we could see Rev.
Thorne in trance.

I had expected to see him
slumped over in his chair, appar-
ently asleep. Instead, he was sit-
ting upright, eyes closed, making
gestures with his hands, turning
his head in the direction of the
various members as "Sunbeam"
addressed them, mouth and lips
opening for articulation.

"Myrtle From Brooklyn"

The gestures were quite natural
for a child; a finger shyly placed
to a corner of the mouth when
some compliment was given, hand
placed over the mouth when try-
ing to suppress merriment, hands
folded naturally in the lap when
listening, head a little to the side.

I, unfortunately, have not yet
developed enough to "see" her,
but other members noted trans-
figuration of the mediums features.

Then "Myrtle from Brooklyn,"
came through with her characteris-
tic slow, husky, drawling "Hello".
One could fill a book about
"Myrtle" who is loved by all of us.
Her ready wit and down-to-earth
humor have raised the vibrations
of many a session.

When she controlled the me-
dium, he assumed a slouching
position, head thrust forward,
hands on hips. "Myrtle's" accent
is strictly "Brooklynese" and I am
not enough of a writer to trans-
late it on paper. Here again,
transfiguration was visible to some
of the class members.

Transfiguration Observed

After Myrtle left, the medium
slumped forward, every muscle
seemingly relaxed, and then sud-
denly straightened up, erect,
shoulders back, head up so as to
seem much taller than he is, and
then the deep, measured tones of
voice of "Dr. Montague" issued
from his lips. The gestures were
characteristic of the spirit individ-
ual; a grave nod of the head,
graceful but controlled hand ges-
tures.

Here again, transfiguration was
observed; the bearded dignified
features noted, the medium sitting
erect and tall throughout this
spirit's control. The class mem-
bers have long been grateful to
"Dr. Montague" for his aid in our
health problems and call on him
frequently. I, for one, have a good
reason to thank him for help given
on numerous occasions with my
own hospital work.

A New Appreciation

After he left "Sunbeam" in-
structed us to turn off the blue
light and sing, while she brought
the medium out of trance. It had
never occurred to me that when a
medium is controlled, that every
part of his body may be used by
the spirit. It brought home a new
appreciation of the accepted fact
that we are completely our very
own selves after we go through
that rebirth, called "death".

I wish I were more adept in re-
lating this experience, but fear
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Spiritualists May Also Be Christians

The New Religion will not be a religion of any kind but a beautiful pattern of life as taught by the Nazarene.

Wherein a letter directed to Juliette Ewing Pressing is answered in detail.

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

That which blocks the progress of mankind is not true. And that which is untrue should never be permitted to obstruct the passage.

Truth does not hold back the sons and daughters of men, but only beliefs as to what men think is true do this, keeping men and races in bondage.

Messages purporting to come from Radiant Ones tell us there are mortals in Etheria who have clung to their false beliefs for thousands of years and make no progress. They make no progress because of false beliefs.

Then You Are!

Beliefs do not make the man—they more often impair, nor is it possible to gain immortality by the manner of your belief, but only by living that which is good and true.

You are not a Christian by reason of your beliefs in the divinity of Christ but only when you live the Christ life—then you are a Christian. That which you believe about your religion is immaterial. That which you are living is making for you a little room in heaven.

Far be from me any desire to dissect or expunge any part of the New or Old Testaments—to say what is false or true therein. Personally I prefer to let that which may or may not have happened thousands of years ago alone even as I do not explain away or add to history.

Among Spiritualists

Neither shall I try to dissuade those persons whom I assume entertain false beliefs regarding religion, whether Christian or heathen; for why should I attempt to reform others when I am told that Radiant Ones have sought in vain for ages to extirpate false beliefs in others? Who am I to attempt such a vain errand? For I know from wide experience in running counter to human nature that men and women will rarely change and only on their own volition. There is nothing so adamant as a fixed idea.

Those dark ideas about religion are not confined to members of the orthodox churches. I have known atheists with such fixed beliefs

about religion that probably thousands of years may be required to remove. You will find false opinions in every department of life. You will find these among Spiritualists.

These men and women of the new religion tell you they have found a true way of life. But often their spiritual auras are colored by false beliefs harking back into childhood. Those beliefs of all are of terrible power. They set the direction of nearly every life to make or mar.

The New No Better

Very few persons are great enough to exist without some sort of belief. If they change from the so-called orthodox they find some other belief as a substitute; it is merely a matter of exchange and the new belief is often as orthodox as the original belief.

The woman comes troubled to Juliette Ewing Pressing, editor of *The Psychic Observer*—troubled because the religious belief she grew up with is troubled by a newer faith coming into her life. Old beliefs rarely ever give way without much travail, renting the spiritual nature when they are being cast out.

"Work of The Devil"

The woman revealed in her letter to Mrs. Pressing that for ten years since her father passed away Spiritualism has intrigued her. She gives serious thought and study to the subject. She reads books on Spiritualism and *The Psychic Observer*. During the last year she has had very definite psychical experiences. Consequently, the reality of psychical phenomena she does not question.

"But," she writes Mrs. Pressing, "there are religious aspects which disturb me very much. I still find myself on the fence . . . Like many others who were brought up in the strict teaching of Christ as a personal savior . . . I simply can not reconcile the scriptural teachings with those of Spiritualism. I do not say this in a spirit of criticism, but simply because I am earnestly searching for the Truth . . . Just when I think I am a confirmed Spiritualist, I find these sayings bearing in upon me and am greatly distressed . . . I have to conceal my studies from relatives who very definitely state that Spiritualism is the work of the devil."

Work of the devil! How very terrible the superstitions mortals cling to! There is no devil worse than false beliefs. And I rather

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This picture proves conclusively that Mr. Cartheuser possesses levitation mediumship. In addition, the medium's speech impediment does not interfere with the characteristics and natural flow of English of each spirit voicing.

Mr. Cartheuser, who usually resides at Lily Dale, N. Y., during the summer months, has sat many times with Hereward CARRINGTON, former New York City psychic researcher, now in California.

Mr. Cartheuser has also sat for many famous Hollywood actors and producers, who generally ask to have their names withheld and not associated with any publicity regarding their seance experiences.

think this is what The Master had in mind when he said, "Get thee behind me, Satan!"

That which ails this fine and splendid woman seeking so earnestly for Truth is that which ails nearly all—they cling to mental rather than spiritual beliefs.

Scientific Understanding

Let me say I feel—I do not merely believe—that The Christ was and is divine. I also feel rather than believe that Spiritualism is pointing to the Way, the Truth and the Life. Christ knew about those other worlds that surround us. He said so. Then one might say he also was a Spiritualist. For Spiritualism is not—or should not be—merely a religion.

Religions of any sort are only beliefs. True Christianity—and true Spiritualism for that matter—is a scientific understanding of life. Let our understanding rise to that and we can become a Christian or we can become a Spiritualist or we can become both Christian and Spiritualist.

My spiritual perception tells me that Christ was a savior of mankind. But because I believe that I do not have to believe the false and garbled stories of his life, most of which were written hundreds of years after he trod this earth and made to conform to the erroneous beliefs of the Council of Nicaea. Christ's mission has been falsely explained and his message grossly garbled to suit the fancies of deceitful men.

Church Found Wanting

Had I time and opportunity I might with consummate accuracy prove this by presenting historical facts. But I would not do this in any event because the picture The Christ presented is too beautiful and sublime to be even dissected. I will only say that it has been terribly marred by men's greed and ambition and lust for power. Christ came to make life beautiful, but men failed him.

Religions have greatly obscured Christ's lovely Truth. The church has been weighed too often in the balance and found wanting. The ecclesiastical mind is narrow. No theologian is quite clear because of his fixed ideas. But the time may come when the real Christianity will emerge and forget its creeds, its dogmas, its documents.

But that time is afar; for history shows us that a majority of people are opposed to a change of any kind, clinging desperately to their beliefs. The new religion will not be a religion of any kind but a beautiful pattern of life as taught by the wonderful Nazarene.

Why I Believe

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consequence. After all, didn't those Spiritualist folks "have something"? Was not the life hereafter a cardinal principle of my own Christian training? Had not contact with spirits or angels been described in the Divine Scriptures?

I knew of St. Paul's conversion; I read about the transfiguration. Never before did I search the Scriptures so eagerly nor appreciate the Book so much as after my contact with Spiritualism.

Had there not been prophets and prophetesses mentioned time and again in the Bible? Yes, and the promise therein that "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions."

"For He Shall . . ."

I enjoy the Spiritualist meetings tremendously and visit the various ones in the locality, so that I've gotten to know the forms of service, their unbounded faith in the "good and perfect gift that is from above," the comfort derived from messages from beyond. The knowledge too, that they have God's promise mentioned by David in the Psalms "For He shall give His angels charge over thee" is very real.

It is true that churches of all denominations, being run by human beings, have their weaknesses, squabbles and petty jealousies and the Spiritualist churches are not excepted. I believe I can see the reason.

Suggests Cure

Now, it seems to me that the prophetic gift of the mediums is wonderful and clearly spoken of by St. Paul in his letters to the Corinthians (12th and 14th chapters) practically disregarded by the orthodox churches, by the way. Here, speaking of spiritual gifts, Paul goes on to say, "the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Enumerating the special gifts, he says "To

another the gifts of healing, by the same spirit (God) to another, the working of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, the discerning of spirits."

What Has Happened?

Then in chapter fourteen (XIV) "desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy . . . he that prophesieth, speaketh unto men to edification and comfort . . . but if all prophecy, and there come in one that believeth not, he is convinced of all, and thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest . . . he will worship God and report that God is in you of a truth . . . for ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn . . . and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets . . . covet to prophesy."

Well what has happened to the Spiritualist churches? It seems to me that they have somewhat overlooked the chapter in between—the thirteenth (13) Paul's masterpiece in which he states that all gifts, all knowledge, all faith are nothing unless charity, that is love, exists in the human heart.

He tells what it is and what it means and the advice if followed, would undoubtedly do great good for the cause of Spiritualism.

Then there would be less friction, no jealousy and a friendly greeting to a visitor—not that a newcomer is looking for human kindness but that he doesn't like to be badly treated.

Yes, there is improvement to be made in the Spiritualist's attitude to one another and it can come about.

Gives Other Reasons

One of the most remarkable readings I ever had was by a Hindu in the Far East who at first, started off on the wrong foot by telling me things I did not wish to hear but was excellent when I set him straight along that line. That is one thing noticeable among Spiritualists here in America, they aim to comfort without being told.

On Easter Sunday, the weather near my home town was bad—it really did rain! Yet, Saturday's paper had on the front page admonished the fair sex to have no fears—wear the new Easter hat and venture forth.

How many ladies were disappointed and dampened is impossible to say, but THAT is the scientific (so called) prophesying and yet many scoff at the mediums who can and do hit the mark far more accurately, than the weather prophets.

For over a dozen years, I enjoyed reading publications on the subject in its many branches. Hudson's "Law of Psychic Phenomena," Trine's "In Tune With the Infinite" were some of the first works read.

Christian Spiritualists?

Not until my recent renewed interest did I find the Bible such a gold mine of treasure for one hungering after spiritual knowledge. It is all there and the marvel is that those antagonistic to the movement so apparently overlooked it.

In fact, it is my conclusion that the mighty plain contents of the Bible are deliberately ignored, especially the writings of St. Paul, who truly is the patron saint of Christian Spiritualists.

A new day is dawning—in fact it is here—when the truth shall be known. There are thousands and thousands of non-members who attend Spiritualist gatherings and are thinking more than ever on the subject of survival after death (so-called) and it augers well for the spreading of the light.

The question is, as I see it, Can it ever be brought back into the organized orthodox churches or will it slowly permeate the minds of the masses?

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Children In Spirit

By R. R. YATES

Mary Mareno is a friend of mine in Spirit and her story of the children who pass to the spirit world will I believe warm the hearts of all who have lost a little child. Here it is

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Very small children pass to the next life completely unaware of the change, having become so little accustomed to life on Earth which was really quite new to them.

When the infant spirit has separated itself from the body it is taken care of at once by one of our Spirit helpers, who soothes the little mind and induces a first long sleep during which its earth memories completely fall away and so it awakens in its new surroundings happy and utterly contented. Then it is placed with infants of its own age in ideal surroundings and cared for by spirit nurses who tenderly watch over it, supplying its every need and ensuring its complete happiness and steady growth until it is old enough for instruction.

As Babies Grow

We can quickly prepare a place which has all the appearances of permanency here, because we create our surroundings mentally, making them what we desire, so should a child want a doll or a kitten or a puppy we can satisfy that want; of mind's delights they lack nothing.

There are no robes or clothes or pretty things which our minds cannot deck out in; there are no meadows, vales or enchanting scenes to which we cannot transport them instantly, for this is our Earth, this is our place in which we live; this is our real home and here our only desire is to make them happy and to love all who come to share this home with us.

As the babies and the animals grow they go their own ways, the animals to their own place in which we can seek them when we wish, but for both the young child and the young animal these early experiences are very similar, their minds being alike in their contentment with small matters and simple things.

Educating Children

With our help here the children become active, vivacious and intelligent, and we seize every opportunity of developing their latent abilities. Educating children here follows the way of understanding, and this is induced by creating lively interest in everything about them.

We do all that we can to stimulate these infant minds, and their only hindrance is lack of ability. Every child is like a seed which, growing into a plant, bears its own



CHILDREN AT PRAYER

until they are ready to move on to other activities.

The mechanical aids so dear to you being absent, everything here is the result of mental activity; mental mastery must be the goal; so much of the fun is caused by laughable failures because instruction here is designed to bring out ability, and the efforts of the pupil ends successfully or in some amusing result which encourages another attempt and seldom causes discouragement.

When Your Baby "Dies"

None grows so old here that they will not find an excuse for studying; inclination decides where one shall linger to learn, and one soon learns to linger, for knowledge is the spice of life in Spirit. Character and mental ability alone count here, therefore we devote ourselves to the education of your children.

We accept your infants, we long for their coming for we know what splendid opportunities open before them; true they have lost the presence of loving parents and we must fill their places.

None can do it so well as the foster parents in Spirit, wise minds who have lived through many stages of human and spirit experience, to whom these infants turn as they would to loving, tender and devoted mothers on Earth, and these love and cherish them through all the stages of their progress to maturity.

Thus you can believe that when a baby "dies" there is only one excuse for grief—the severance of a very dear tie and a sense of loss that cannot be borne except in sorrow and anguish.

Babies Rejoice With You

But dry your tears, for your sacrifice is a small thing compared with the change that has come with the return to its true home in spirit of this little one.

In the place of your love and devotion, hundreds of mothers here have combined to see that this darling babe shall never for one instant be without love, tenderness, comfort, and then careful training for the life that is before it; and when it has grown to maturity, memory will stir and it will find its way back to its place in your heart and mind, bringing peace and content against that happy day of reunion when you shall once again come together in the inseparable companionship of the Spirit World, and we shall rejoice with you.

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The Human Atmosphere

The Discoveries of Franz Anton MESMER, Baron von REICHENBACH and Dr. W. J. KILNER.

By GEORGE D. ABRAHAM

Everyone knows the common magnet. Not everyone knows that man himself is a magnet. That he, too, has his positive and negative poles at the head and feet respectively.

Has also his individual magnetic field, the forces playing through which are equally mysterious in their functions and operations to the manifestations of our terrestrial atmosphere.

Every object, every cell, and indeed every single atom has this magnetic field. In the case of the atom it is simply in the form of an attraction and repulsion as regards other atoms.

The human being, however, is a highly complex group of atoms and hence the human atmosphere or aura is a very complicated affair.

Mesmeric Hand-waving

In the city of Vienna, in 1766, one Franz Anton Mesmer discovered that the property of healing was inherent in a magnet and that if a disease organ was stroked, or if passes were made over it, the magnet radiated a power which cured.

Then one day Mesmer accidentally found that the passes were often effective when a magnet was not used. He concluded that man himself was a magnet and that the finger tips radiated a force which he called animal magnetism or Mesmeric Fluid.

The early Hypnotists who followed Mesmer derided his theory of the invisible fluid and maintained that the real cure took place in the patient's subconscious and that the mesmeric hand-waving was merely to gain control of the sufferer's complete attention.

In 1845, however, another scientist, Baron Von Reichenbach, announced to the world that animal magnetism could be seen with the naked eye.

Special Sensitivity

Certain people were able, in a darkened room, to ascertain flames, sparks, heat and white clouds emanating from a magnet. Different colors were discernible from the different poles of the magnet and even from certain crystals and plants.

Reichenbach's link with Mesmer, however, is not through the magnets as much as through the fact that certain of his sensitives perceived precisely similar emanations proceeding from the human finger tips.

Many people possess special sensitivity of sight and see cloudy effects or colors around persons or objects which they wrongly put down to faulty vision, or fear to mention to others in case of ridicule.

Ultra-violet Light

No further findings along this by-way of science then came to light until the years of the Great War when Dr. W. J. Kilner, House Surgeon at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, stumbled across the big truth that made him the real Professor of the Human Aura.

He conceived the idea that if these magnetic radiations were really perceptible to specially sensitive sight they probably belonged to that order of phenomena which we term the ultra-violet.

Ultra-violet light, as most people know, is normally invisible, being of a wave length too short or a vibratory rate too high, for ordinary vision.

Research Discloses

Dr. Kilner argued, therefore, that if his premise was true and the Aura was a reality it might be possible to construct some sort of screen to exclude certain light rays and make the ultra-violet visible.

With this end in view he commenced research work and after several years succeeded in evolving such a screen which consisted of glass cells filled with an alcoholic solution of dicyanin, a coal tar dye. Examination of a human being through this screen revealed a faint greyish mist around the hands and head.

Will This Help Cancer?

It is unfortunate that Dr. Kilner was an old man at the time of his discovery and did not carry his researches as far as a younger man might have done. Others, however, both contemporaries and successors, carried on and the story can be continued through them.

Before leaving Kilner, however, I would like to stress the immense value of his work to medical science.

Not only is Auric diagnosis an invaluable check on other methods of detecting a suspected disease, but the symptoms show in the aura long before any complaint is manifest in the slightest degree in the body itself. Thus every complaint can be caught at a curable stage.

This discovery, when really used and understood, may herald the end of death by horrible scourges such as Cancer which in the early stages can be successfully dealt with.

"Prediction"

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fruit or flowers, and care is needed all the time if these are to be excellent.

Parents on Earth usually want their children to grow up in a way which will be best in a commercialized state. The real ambition of the child is then a secondary thing.

Here we do not make this mistake; we look for the thing native to the mind and we nurse that more than anything else, and so, contentedly doing that which it loves best to do, the little mind unfolds happily and contentedly.

Spirit Nurseries

Growth prospers as it develops mentally and if a baby we had cared for in this way could reappear in the Earth-plane you would be astonished at the way it had grown and improved.

Growing in stature mentally and spiritually it soon begins to assume its responsibilities and to create its own place amongst us; it acquires knowledge and uses it; it becomes master of its mental powers and when fully fledged, leaves our control. A brief summary such as this must leave much unexplained, so let us visit the infants.

Here in a large open glade in sheltering woods is a nursery; cozy cribs are there midst the moving grasses, and babies sleep, or crow, amused by the swaying, waving reeds or lulled by the repose of this place.

Spirit Children At Play

Nurses move amongst them speaking to their little minds and satisfying their every need, and I never tire of visiting these groups and helping amongst them; these are the happiest scenes a mother could wish to see, and she would be a shameful exception to her sex who would not be happy there.

When they are ready these tiny ones move to the old groups. Here then are children of your period of six to seven years old. They gather in groups about older spirits intent upon their instruction. They are obviously happy, having plenty of fun and getting plenty of amusement out of the games being indulged in.

No Mechanical Aids

They are happy, but there is something else too — these are happy families; they keep together; they are warmly attached to their companions and their teacher, and there is no apparent restraint other than the power of attraction of the wiser minds which hold them securely in their places

Thorne's Mediumship

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that my enthusiasm far outshines my ability as a writer. As mentioned before, the members of our class have been privileged to witness many wonderful demonstrations. One of our members constantly wears a small mother-of-pearl heart, received as an apport from her two children on the spirit side of life. Another received a ring and one person received a rare coin—said to be centuries old.

Independent Writing

I treasure highly a colored crayon drawing of my guide "Strong-heart," that HE DREW HIMSELF! How? I will tell you.

The crayons and blank sheets of paper had been placed on the floor before the lights were turned out. After a moment, there was a soft rustle and a paper fluttered into my lap. Not expecting anything, it slipped to the floor. After the lights were turned on, someone picked up the paper and discovered it was inscribed "To Cicely, from Strong-heart."

A Sense of Humor

"Strong-heart" shows a big red heart as a symbol of his presence. I never look or think about the picture without a humble grateful-

ness that I was so singled out for such a blessing.

Don't let anyone tell you Indians have no sense of humor. The first time my Indian collaborator came through the trumpet after he had drawn the picture, he asked us if we didn't think he was good looking!

A Change of Mind

Several other members received drawings of their guides on this occasion. Once, when we were teasing "Myrtle from Brooklyn" about the radio program of the same name, she told us that at one broadcast, she knocked on the "mike," and had the engineers frantically trying to find out what was causing the "static".



E. L. Thorne

In these days, we who know the truth should give publicity to the true, earnest mediums, who so tirelessly, unselfishly and fearlessly do so much to bring the message of the continuity of life to the masses.

Such a one is Rev. Thorne. Through him, I heard my beloved brother's voice before his earthly body had been in the grave a week. I have received the sanction of my dear Mother, to continue with this work — although SHE WAS BITTERLY OPPOSED WHILE ON EARTH. I have seen

my Grandmother materialize and have conversed with her.

One Fourth-of-July, several years ago, a famous person appeared in our group, and no one present will ever forget his deep, vibrant voice as he earnestly prayed for our country.

Margery Crandon

George M. Cohan is a frequent visitor to our class, and we love to hear him as he tap dances to his favorite song—"Mary". Victor Herbert not only requests his favorite "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," but often leads the singing, and once conducted us with a luminous-banded trumpet raised high in the air.

Margery Crandon, with her brother Walter and his characteristic whistle, are among our treasured visitors. A young man known only as the "Whistler," entertains us with popular tunes.

"Mine Eyes Have . . ."

Will Rogers appeared also, smiling and leading his wife by the hand. Some of us did not know at that time that she had "passed over" a few hours before.

These are just a few of the wonders we have experienced. We sincerely appreciate and are always thankful for the splendid guidance of "Rising-Star," the "White Sister," "Master A," "Sunbeam," "Dr. Montague," "Myrtle," "Pat," "Eliza," "Margery" and "Walter" and the many, many others who come to help and teach us so that we, in time, may be able to help others. I can truly say "Mine eyes have seen the Glory!"

Editors Vouch For This Psychic Photograph



Psychic Observer

The psychic photograph above was received at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, August 12th, through the mediumship of JOHN MYERS. The sitters are MABLE RIFFLE, secretary of Chesterfield camp and the editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER, JULIETTE EWING PRESSING and R. G. PRESSING.

This psychic picture is one of several dozen received the same day through Myers' mediumship—UNDER TEST CONDITIONS. (For complete story of these test conditions see Psychic Observer, November 10th edition.)

The test conditions, under which this psychic picture was made, were exacted and supervised by the editors who not only purchased the plates but also saw to it they were not tampered with prior to the actual taking of the picture by Myers. Furthermore, they entered the developing room with Myers after the picture was taken. Before their very eyes, the extra was seen to take form when the plates were immersed in the developing fluids. PROOF POSITIVE that a supernormal manifestation had taken place.

Others Vouch for Myers' Mediumship

Two other alert observers, total strangers to Myers, made statements. They were O. J. UNSELD, Louisville, Kentucky, a professional photographer and DR. RICHARD A. CHESROW, 217 South St. Louis Ave., a Chicago, Ill., dentist. The original signed statements of these two gentlemen are on file at the Psychic Observer offices at Lily Dale, N. Y. Their signed statements appear below.

Statement Made by the Dentist

August 16th, 1944

Dear Mr. Myers:

I want you to know how great I was thrilled to know that I had the opportunity to assist you in the test on Spirit Photography held at Chesterfield on August 12.

When I mentioned that I did not want any publicity I was thinking of my mother as we are born Catholics. Of course, I have been interested and a follower of psychic phenomenon since I was a small boy. But I must apologize and in your article you may use my name in any way you desire.

DR. RICHARD A. CHESROW.

Statement Made by Photographer

August 18th, 1944

To Whom It May Concern:

I was in the dark room and helped in the developing of plates and photographic paper of the JOHN MYERS test seance held at Chesterfield, August 12th, 1944. As for my knowledge of photography, I saw no fraud in the developing of plates and paper. I have been a photographer for 25 years.

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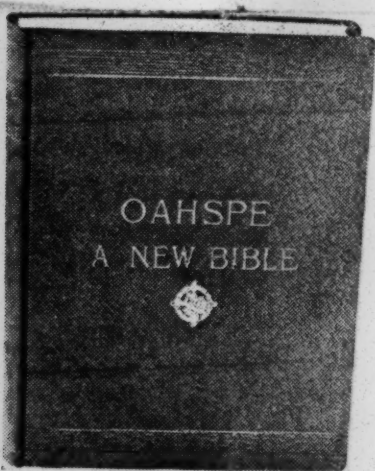
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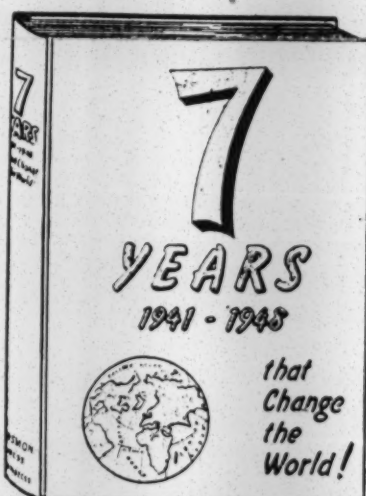
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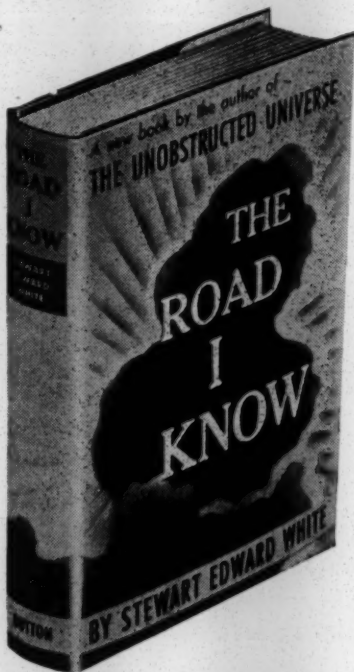
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